

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve

July 2019



PROGRAMS BELOW HAPPEN EVERY WEEK ON THE DAYS SHOWN. See other side for program descriptions, exhibits, and special events.
For more information or upcoming months, visit www.nps.gov/jela

HOLIDAY ALERT – ALL visitor centers closed on Thursday, July 4, for federal holiday; no programs offered.

See below for holiday hours for Barataria Preserve parking lot gates and Chalmette Battlefield/Chalmette National Cemetery entrance gates.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB	Historic Thibodaux walking tour 10:30am WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB Monday Night Music 5:30-6:30pm WACC	history talk 9:30am FQ Historic Thibodaux walking tour 10:30am WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC Cercle Francophone 5:30-7:00pm WACC	history talk 9:30am FQ wetlands walk 10:00am BP Historic Thibodaux walking tour 10:30am WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	NO PROGRAMS THURS, JULY 4 history talk 9:30am FQ wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	history talk 9:30am FQ La Table Francaise 9:30-11:00am PACC wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	history talk 9:30am FQ Explore & Restore crafts for kids 10:00am-noon PACC wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Cajun Conversations 1:00-2:30pm PACC Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB folklife demonstrations 2:45-6:00pm PACC Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm PACC

Site Locations & Days/Times of Operation ALL VISITOR CENTERS CLOSED THURSDAY, JULY 4.

ACC – Acadian Cultural Center, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 201. Open Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm, Saturday 8:30am-noon. Closed Thursday, July 4. Free.

BP – Barataria Preserve, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-689-3690 ext. 10. THE VISITOR CENTER WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL MID-JULY TO INSTALL NEW FLOORING (for updates, visit www.nps.gov/jela). When the visitor center re-opens, hours are Wednesday-Sunday 9:30am-4:30pm. Gates to parking lots open for trail access daily 9:00am-5:00pm and restrooms available daily 9:00am-5:00pm, including Thursday, July 4. Free.

CB – Chalmette Battlefield and Chalmette National Cemetery, 8606 West St. Bernard Hwy., **Chalmette**, 504-281-0510. Open daily 9:00am-4:00pm. On Thursday, July 4, visitor center closed for federal holiday; entrance gates to battlefield and national cemetery open 9:30am-3:30pm. Free.

FQ – French Quarter Visitor Center, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-3882 ext. 221. Open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:30pm. Closed Thursday, July 4. Free.

PACC – Prairie Acadian Cultural Center, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499. Open Wednesday-Friday 9:30am-4:30pm, Saturday 9:30am-6:00pm. Closed Thursday, July 4. Free.

WACC – Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375. Open Monday-Tuesday 9:00am-7:00pm, Wednesday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. Closed Thursday, July 4. Free.

Program Descriptions

Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am and 2:45pm Discover 1815’s Battle of New Orleans at the place where it happened. Time is approximate; talk takes place when *Creole Queen* excursion boat arrives. No talks Thursday, July 4. Free. **CB**

Cajun Conversations 1:00-2:00pm Speak and learn basic conversational Cajun French. Free. **PACC**

Cercle Francophone 5:30-7:00pm Come pass a good time speaking French (Cajun or otherwise) and help preserve French in Louisiana. Free. **WACC**

Explore & Restore crafts for kids 10:00am-noon Kids of all ages are invited to create unique crafts from castoffs, leftovers, and throwaways. A parent or guardian must remain with children six and under. Free. **PACC**.

Folklife demonstrations noon-6:00pm Discover the Cajun way of music, dancing, cooking, and more. Quilting demonstration noon-3:00pm. Cajun music and dancing begins at 2:45pm. Cooking demonstration begins at 4:00pm. Free. **PACC**

Historic Thibodaux walking tour 10:30am Join a ranger for a walk through downtown Thibodaux and hear stories of its past. Free. **WACC**

History talk 9:30am Rangers share local history and culture. Free. No talk Thursday, July 4. Free. **FQ**

La Table Francaise 9:30-11:00am Come pass a good time speaking French (Cajun or otherwise) and help preserve French in Louisiana. Free. **PACC**

Monday Night Music 5:30-6:30pm Discover south Louisiana’s music: zydeco, gospel, blues, jazz, Cajun, and more. Free. **WACC**

Ranger talk 2:45pm Rangers share local history and culture. No talk Thursday, July 4. Free. **ACC**

Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm Live Cajun and zydeco music at the historic Liberty Theater next door to center. Ticket information and band listings at www.eunice-la.com or 337-457-7389. **PACC**

Wetlands walk 10:00am Explore wild Louisiana on a ranger-guided walk through swamp and marsh. Meet at the Bayou Coquille Trail parking lot (one mile north of the visitor center). No walk Thursday, July 4. Free. **BP**

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Special Events, Exhibits & Programs

Special Exhibit - Louisiana through the Eyes of an Artist – WACC Artist Bert Andry’s award-winning work highlights his home state. Exhibit on view through Wednesday, July 31. Free admission; see Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center hours and days of operation on other side.

Special Exhibit – Photography Exhibit – PACC Photographers Gary Meyers and Danny Izzo join forces to provide a new perspective on Louisiana birds and wildlife. Exhibit on view through Wednesday, July 31. Free admission; see Prairie Acadian Cultural Center hours and days of operation on other side.

Congo Square: African Influences on American Popular Culture – Wednesday, July 3 and 24 at noon; Thursday July 11, 18, and 25 at noon; Friday July 5, 12, 19, and 26 at noon; Saturday July 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 3:00pm – FQ Explore the lasting influences of the rhythms of Congo Square, an early New Orleans gathering place for African and African American people. Free.

Voices of Congo Square: African Drumming with Luther Gray - Wednesday, July 10 noon-1:00pm – FQ Listen to the African drums and the voices of Congo Square, an early New Orleans gathering place for African and African American people. Free.

Dulcimer Jam – Saturday, July 13 9:30-11:00am – ACC Join the Cajun Dulcimer Society and its core group, the Lagniappe Dulcimer Society from Baton Rouge for dulcimer music: Cajun, country, Celtic, folk, and hymns. Bring an acoustic instrument and join in or just enjoy. Free.

Restoration Rx: A Morning with the Masters – Saturday, July 13 9:00am-noon – FQ Experts in historic restoration, including woodwork, plaster work, and metal work, demonstrate crafts and answer questions. At 11:00am, local architect Henry Burns discusses the 16-year-long restoration of the 50,000 square feet and seven structures of historic Antoine’s Restaurant. Hosted in partnership with the New Orleans Master Crafts Guild and the Vieux Carré Commission Foundation. Free.

Music at Noon – Wednesday, July 17 noon-1:00pm – FQ A New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park ranger performs music from the park’s CD “New Orleans at 300” on the piano. Free.

Civil Rights Program with Kara Tucina Olidge - Saturday, July 27 noon-1:00pm – FQ Olidge is the executive director of New Orleans’ Amistad Research Center, an archive of original materials related to American ethnic and racial history, the African Diaspora, human relations, and civil rights, Free.